

# Student Engagement Survey – Elementary School

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This is a survey that will help your school understand how you feel about the time you spend in class and at school. There are no right or wrong answers—this is not a test! It will take you about 15-20 minutes to finish the survey. Please read each item carefully and check the answer that most closely matches the way you feel. Your answers will not be shared with your teachers or family.

1. During class, I...

find it easy to stay on task.  
stay on task like my teacher says to do.  
get busy with my work and forget what time it is.  
look like I am working.  
pay attention to other things.  
do the work I have to do.

2. If a student is upset, I...

tell an adult.  
ask if I can help.  
stay away.  
find a way to make it better.  
let someone else help.  
help if I won't get in trouble.

3. If the classwork is hard to do, I...

do what I can.  
do my very best.  
put my head down on my desk.  
don't do the work.  
like the challenge.  
ask if I am doing it right.

4. Following class rules...

keep me on task.  
let me be a class leader.  
are hard for me to do.

are what I do for a while, then stop.  
are what I do to be noticed.  
make me know how to act.

5. When I work in a group, I...

help when the teacher can see us.  
talk only when asked a question.  
make sure everyone can help.  
ask the teacher if I can work alone.  
do more than my share of the work.  
stay quiet.

6. When I am given a task, I...

get started right away.  
ask the teacher what I need to do.  
act like I am working.  
know what to do next.  
help my classmates.  
choose to do other things.

7. School rules...

help me make good choices.  
make me want to stay home.  
allow me to show others how to act.  
do not apply to me.  
let me know what I can do.  
help me to be a good student.

8. Which one is most like you?

I learn best when I want a good grade.  
I learn best when the work is easy.  
I learn best when I work with other students.  
I learn best when I have to think hard.  
I do not know how I best learn.  
I learn best when the teacher watches me.

9. In class, I...

offer to try new things.  
do the work I am supposed to do.  
find ways to learn something new.  
find other things to work on.  
find ways to do what I want.  
try to get all of the answers right.

10. Learning goals...



help me get ready for the next grade.  
are something I have to use.  
do not help me so I do not use them.  
keep me on task.  
make me push myself harder.  
make me want to give up.

11. When I have a test, I...

study a lot to do my best.  
study to get a good grade.  
study just before the test.  
read extra things to help me with the test.  
pretend to study.  
do not study.

12. When my teacher asks me a question, I...

answer and then ask my own.  
listen to what is asked.  
say a few words.  
think and then answer.  
look away.  
say something silly.

13. The skills I learn in class...

help me think in new ways.  
help me do my work.  
help me get to the next grade.  
I won't use when I am older.  
I do not care about.  
help me outside of school too.

14. Class activities...

help me remember what I learn.  
help me to earn a reward.  
I do because my teacher tells me to.  
are things that I don't do.  
are things I wish I did not have to do.  
make me want to help others to learn.

15. How do you feel when you say something in class?

Good, if my teacher likes it.  
Okay, if it is the same as what other students say.  
Special, like my words are important.  
Not special, because no one cares what I say.  
I will not talk in front of the whole class.

Important, because I am helping our class learn.

16. At the end of the school day, I feel...

that going to school is something I have to do.  
excited about the next school day.  
happy that I learned so much.  
like the day was very long.  
that I wish I could skip tomorrow.  
like I made other people proud.

17. When I need help, ...

I know teachers will help me.  
there are teachers who care about me.  
I keep it to myself.  
I don't want adults to know.  
I feel okay to ask teachers.  
I like that teachers notice me.

18. How do you feel about your school?

I am supported and get the help I need.  
I do not like my school.  
I get attention from teachers.  
I know what I have to do every day.  
I like having time to myself.  
I like learning new things.

19. I feel my school work is...

important.  
something that makes me proud.  
something every kid has to do.  
boring.  
something that makes me feel like I am not smart.  
something I have to do to please others.

20. When there is a school activity, I...

want to be there.  
go because I have to.  
tell my friends not to go.  
go so my teachers see me there.  
ask if I can help.  
go and stay quiet.

21. What makes you feel good as a student?

When I finish my work.  
When my teacher says nice things to me.

I do not feel good very often.  
When I do extra work because I want to.  
When I do not give up.  
When school is over.

